

ivy blossom and it may be significant that the Robinson trap was situated near to a large hedge of ivy, *Hedera helix* L. which may have been in flower at the time of these records. It would appear that the females of both British *Leopoldius* are active at night, however, I have not encountered either during many evenings and nights searching ivy blossom for moths.—A. P. Foster, 58 St Laurence Avenue, Brundall, Norwich NR13 5QN.

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Stratiomys singularior (Harris) (Diptera: Stratiomyidae) in Gloucestershire.—A single *Stratiomys singularior* was found by Mrs S. Holland at Badgeworth Marsh Nature Reserve, E. Glos (SO 910205) in July 1990. It appears to be the first record for the county. The Marsh lies in a small depression on blue lias clay which fills seasonally with rain water and run-off from adjoining fields. It has a notably rich and interesting flora, including lesser spearwort *Ranunculus flammula* L., water-plantain *Alisma plantago-aquatica* L., marsh speedwell *Veronica scutellata* L., fen bedstraw *Galium uliginosum* L. and reed sweet-grass *Glyceria maxima* (Hartm.). It lies in the Vale of Gloucester some 7 or 8 km from the River Severn.

Stratiomys singularior is most often associated with coastal and brackish marsh, but other inland freshwater sites are known, Fulmer Mere in Buckinghamshire (Gibbs, 1988) and along the River Nene near Peterborough (A. E. Stubbs, pers. comm.), for example. It is perhaps relevant, however, that the area between Badgeworth Reserve and the tidal Severn was the expanse of "Glocester Marshe" in Tudor times.

My thanks to Sonia Holland for keeping the specimen and to Alan Stubbs for identifying it.—Keith N. A. Alexander, 22 Cecily Hill, Cirencester, Glos GL7 2EF.

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